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1. WE REVIEWED ONCE MORE DURING OCTOBER 11 VISIT BY ENRIQUE IGLESIAS (REFTEL) QUESTION OF CONSOLIDATING THREE UN AGENCIES IN SANTIAGO: ECLA, ILPES, CELADE. FOR FIRST TIME, IGLESIAS SEEMED CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS UNDERTAKING AND OF FACT TIME HAD COME TO MOVE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, SEEM CERTAIN ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED. AS MEANS OF BEGINNING MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSOLIDATION, HOPE EMBASSY CAN DISCUSS MATTER WITH IGLESIAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DEFINITELY BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR ILPES GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK NOVEMBER 8-9. IN DISCUSSING SUBJECT, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING PARAS.

2. ILPES IS KEY ELEMENT IN ACCOMPLISHING CONSOLIDATION. IT WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED AS ORGANIZATION SEPARATE FROM, BUT CLOSELY RELATED TO ECLA. WITH DEPARTURE OF PREBISCH, WE CAN SEE NO REMAINING NEED TO CONTINUE
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SEPARATION. TERMINATION OF PRESENT UNDP ARRANGEMENT WITH

ILPES ON JUNE 30, 1974 WILL BE CONVENIENT TIME FOR MAJOR CHANGE IN ILPES. THAT CHANGE, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALONG LINE OF CURRENT EFFORT BY UNDP TO BECOME EXECUTING AGENT FOR ITS OWN PROJECT FOR ILPES. THIS, IN OUR OPINION, IS NOT ONLY ILLEGAL, BUT ALSO DISTORTS

PURPOSES FOR WHICH UNDP WAS ESTABLISHED. THUS TIME HAS COME BOTH TO END UNDP'S BRIEF EFFORTS TO ADMINISTER ILPES AND TO MOVE ILPES ENTIRELY WITHIN ECLA. RESULTING BUDGETARY SAVINGS GIVE FURTHER REASON FOR SUPPORTING THIS MOVE.

3. WE BELIEVE NOVEMBER 8-9 MEETING OF ILPES GOVERNING COUNCIL IS PLACE FOR IGLESIAS TO GIVE INITIAL PUSH IN CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS IF ANYTHING IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NEXT JUNE 30.

4. ASSUMING NOVEMBER MEETING APPROVES CONSOLIDATION, NEXT STEP WILL BE ECLA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION, NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY IN NEW YORK. WE SUGGEST IGLESIAS REPORT ON ILPES DEVELOPMENTS THERE AND HAVE RESOLUTION READY ON ECLA-ILPES-CELADE CONSOLIDATION, WITH ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SERVING AS CHIEF OF COMBINED ORGANIZATION.

5. FINALLY, IGLESIAS REPORTED TO US FACT CELADE LEADERSHIP ALREADY FAVORS CONSOLIDATION. WE, THEREFORE, ASSUME THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS IN THIS THIRD PORTION OF CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM.

6. IN SUM, NEXT FEW MONTHS PRESENT RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT IGLESIAS FAVORS AND WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE WISE AND USEFUL STEP. WE AWAIT COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS OF HOW WE MIGHT HELP. KISSINGER

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